

ARE JUMPING ON IMPERIAL

British Merchants Seem to Be Rather Sore.

SAMUELSON AND SCHOLEY

Both Make Curious Comments on the Situation—Movement of Virginia Tobacco in London and Liverpool.

British commission merchants, or some of them, are evidently at odds with the Imperial Tobacco Company, and are feeling sore and discontented over recent events.

The February circulars from these merchants are just coming in to local tobacco exporters, and some of them are unusually interesting for the comments they contain. One notable instance is the circular from Edward Samuelson & Co., of Liverpool, who take several hard shots at the Imperial and the American Tobacco Company. Mr. Joshua W. Scholey, a broker of London, also says some interesting things to the effect that discord prevails in the London market and that the trade is being split up.

THE MARKET.

According to these reports the trade in Virginia and other American tobacco during the past months has been of a desultory character. The London market shows no improvement.

The movement of Virginia tobacco in London was as follows: Stock on hand January 1st, 1903: stemmed, 12,218 hogheads; unstemmed, 6,609 hogheads; imported in January, 1903: stemmed, 608 hogheads; unstemmed, 45 hogheads; delivered in January, stemmed, 78 hogheads; unstemmed, 199 hogheads; stock on February 1st, 1903: stemmed, 13,118; unstemmed, 6,216 hogheads; stock at the same time in 1902: stemmed, 15,971 hogheads; unstemmed, 6,529 hogheads; stock of Virginia and Western tobacco (exclusive of Maryland), 37,847 hogheads against 36,222 hogheads for the corresponding months of last year, showing an increase of 1,625 hogheads.

THE COMMENTS.

The comments, which are the most interesting feature of the circulars, are as follows:

Edward Samuelson & Co., of Liverpool: "There is no change of interest to report in the demand for North American tobacco. Manufacturers and distributors have been engaged during the month considering their position now that the British combine, which was formed to fight a supposed common enemy, has made terms with the opposing forces and has no enemy to combat. It is feared that the combine, organized to protect the tobacco gold fields of this country, will turn its attention to securing for themselves what the American Tobacco Company hoped to capture, and to accomplish that end methods may be introduced which are being found so prejudicial to all fair trading interests in America. It is well, however, not to be misled by mere names, for it is quite possible for individual firms to do what they ought not. The distributors do well to fear the spread of the American idea that smokers exist for the sole benefit of one section of manufacturers."

Joshua W. Scholey, of London and Liverpool: "A desultory business has run through the month. Small parcels of low Western and cheap dark Virginia tobacco are the grades in which most has been done. I hear of runs of dark Virginia strips being sold at 5d. per pound. No business that I can hear of in any good grade of brights. Stock in manufacturers' hands must be getting low (except Imperial), but whilst there is such discord it is not likely that they will come into the market until forced. Here is a fine trade, with a good living in it for all concerned, being spoilt by people quarrelling with their bread and butter."

VIRGINIA TOBACCO.

John C. Muller & Co., of London and Liverpool: "Our market showed no improvement during the past month, and the few sales that took place were quite of a retail character and require no particular mention. There is no change of moment to record in the situation of the market in Liverpool, business having again been restricted and generally of a retail character. In Western strips, perhaps, a slight improvement was perceptible in the demand, which resulted in some sales of the medium to common grades, still the total business amounted to extremely small proportions. Wrapper

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OBJECT TO ROOSEVELT

Can't Be Invited to the General Assembly.

CENTRAL'S COMMENT

Incident Aired Recently in the Religious Papers—Dr. Brooke Hot After Dr. Morris and Others.

The whole thing has been squelched and nothing will come of it, but it is an interesting little incident which has been aired in the religious papers, but seems somehow to have escaped the eye of the secular journals.

A short while ago a delegation called upon President Roosevelt in Washington and extended to him an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, South, which meeting will be held in May next in Lexington, Va. Along with the request went letters of invitation from President Denny, of Washington and Lee University; Dr. Whaling, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lexington, and Dr. S. L. Morris, secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Not only was the President requested to attend the assembly, but he was invited to deliver an address on home missions. Mr. Roosevelt had other engagements, however, and was forced to decline.

DR. BROOKS' LETTER.

But before the President declined the affair had created a great stir. In the columns of the Central Presbyterian of this city, the Rev. Dr. F. J. Brooke, a well known Presbyterian minister of Alexandria, took the matter up and printed a hot letter. Under the constitution of the church, he said, no such "delegation" could exist; therefore, it was practically a fraud on the President. The Presbyterian Church believes in absolute separation of church and State, and, therefore, even the assembly itself could not consistently extend such an invitation to the President of the United States, the Governor of Virginia, or any other official of the government, as such. Then Dr. Brooke said:

"We do not question the right of the citizens, or any number of them, of Lexington to invite the President or anyone else to visit Lexington at any time they may see fit, even while the assembly will be there. But we would like to know by whose authority this 'delegation' and the loved and honored brethren whose names are mentioned invite the President to attend the meeting of the General Assembly and address the assembly on home missions or any other subject? Dr. Whaling will be the most hospitable host of the assembly, but he knows as well as I do that the position does not confer the power to extend such an invitation. At least, we suppose he does, for he is a learned brother. Dr. Morris will be there to make his report as a servant of the assembly, but even he has no right to address the assembly unless that body invites him or unless he should be elected a commissioner to it hereafter. If Dr. Morris has done this thing, I for one would like to know why he did it, and upon what authority. I voted for him in the assembly of 1901, but he is not the man I took him to be if he has done what the papers say he did. I honor the president of Washington and Lee University, and I respect that institution, but pray tell me what right has he to invite anybody to attend and address the General Assembly? What is he to do with it?"

Following the publication of this letter the Central Presbyterian received several others, agreeing with Dr. Brooke. The one editorial comment the paper ever made was as follows:

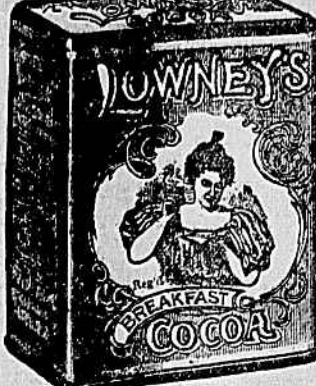
"The invitation extended by some of our brethren to President Roosevelt to visit Lexington at the time of the General Assembly and what has been said about the whole matter reminds us of Dr. William Brewster's address at the meeting of the Northern Assembly at Saratoga. He was one of a committee to confer on the subject of organic union, and speaking before the assembly he first pictured a reunited assembly meeting at Springfield and visiting the grave of Mr. Lincoln, and that met with a hearty and enthusiastic approval and loud cheering. Then in his deliberate way he pictured the reunited assembly in Lexington, Va., and a motion that the assembly visit the graves of General Lee and General Jackson, and there was a great calm. It was said that the silence could be cut in slices."

BRITISH MAP SUPPORTS OUR ALASKAN CLAIMS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17.—An interesting discovery was made Sunday by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root in regard to the Alaska boundary. As they were speaking of the labors of the Alaska Boundary Commission, of which Mr. Root is a member, they consulted the

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large geographical globe that stands near the Cabinet table.

The globe is so big that the map of Alaska appears on a large scale, and they easily traced the boundary line between that Territory and the British possessions. To their surprise, they found that the boundary, as shown there, sustains the contention of the United States in all particulars, although it was prepared under the direction of the British Admiralty.

CAT ATTENDS FUNERALS AT TOLLING OF BELLS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 17.—Bertrand Hornung, a notary public, who lives on Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, opposite the New York Bay Cemetery, owns a white cat that he has christened Tombstone. When a funeral procession enters the cemetery grounds a bell is tolled. As soon as Tombstone hears the bell it starts for the door. If it cannot get out it sets up a series of caterwauls that only end when the bell ceases tolling. If it can get out it runs directly to the cemetery gate and watches until the funeral coaches depart. Then the cat goes home. Mr. Hornung has vainly tried to break Tombstone of its funeral habit.

Fulton News.

Fulton Bureau of Times-Dispatch.

People's Drug Store, No. 300 Williamsburg Avenue.

Mr. W. S. Trent, a well known citizen, met with a very painful accident at the American Locomotive Works Monday night.

Mr. Trent, while at work upon a high scaffold, lost his balance and fell to the ground. The fall rendered him unconscious and inflicted many bruises, although no bones were broken.

Medical assistance was summoned and Mr. Trent was removed to his residence, where he will be confined for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burnette entertained a delightful party at their residence, No. 327 Nicholson Street, Monday night. Games and music were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Edna Roscher, Leo Powell, Berta Jenks, Lottie Hackett, Minnie Wade, Belle Leach, Leslie Roscher, Sarah Robinson, Jennie Robinson; Messrs. Thomas Powell, Gray Hadden, Ashby Fensom, Clifford Lester, Frank Welch, John Blackmer, George Mole, Harry Herndon, John Walker, Watson Ranney, John Burnette, Chaparones were Mrs. F. W. Jenks, Mrs. J. Powell, Mrs. J. P. Burnette, Mrs. P. Dvich, Mrs. J. P. Burnette, Mrs. W. J. Welch.

Mr. William J. Moore is quite sick at his residence on Fifth Street.

Henrice Council of Royal Arcanum will meet Thursday night at Nelson's Hall.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha Whitlock, who died Saturday afternoon at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Samuel T. Patterson, near Cor's Neck, took place yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Whitlock was in her seventy-third year and is survived by eight children, all grown.

She had been a devoted member of Laurel Hill M. E. Church for years.

Mr. Joseph Gill, a young man residing on Denny Street, lost four fingers Monday while at work at the Richmond Cordiar Works, where he is employed. The physician to the works was summoned and dressed the wounds.

Mr. N. J. Smith continues quite sick at his residence on State Street.

R. M. ALUMNI TO BANQUET

Distinguished Company of Collegians at Jefferson.

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The banquet of the alumni of Randolph-Macon College at the Jefferson to-night gives every promise of being the brilliant event the members of the body hope for it.

An elaborate menu will be spread and a distinguished company will partake of it. President Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon, will be present. Several members of the faculty, members of the trustees, and some of the most distinguished alumni of the institution are expected, among whom are Hon. Claude Swanson and Dr. Walter H. Page, editor of the "World's Work."

Many outside of the ranks of Randolph-Macon alumni are interested in Dr. Page's coming to Richmond, and regret is felt that the general public will not have an opportunity to hear him. He will address the Woman's Club to-morrow afternoon.

"Dr. Page is one of the most thoughtful, provoking men in America," said Dr. Edward Leigh Fell yesterday.

"Some men provide dreams, visions, hysteria, fits. Dr. Page provokes thought. He thinks in the present tense. As he has been said of the World's Work, which he edits, he is not a 'has been' or a 'will be,' but an 'is.' I regard him as the most striking figure, probably the greatest, that is, aside from the purely commercial part of publishing. On that side his partner, Doubleday, and Harvey, of the Harper stand at the head."

Dr. Fell has known Dr. Page from childhood.

Dr. Page was born in North Carolina a year or two before the war; went to Randolph-Macon, then to Johns Hopkins, and later to one of the German universities. On his return to America, he started life as a newspaper man on a St. Joseph (Mo.) paper. Then he went back to North Carolina and undertook to establish a journal on ideas half a century ahead of his time. Later he worked on the New York World, where he soon sprang into notice, which brought him the editorship of the Forum. His success with the Forum attracted the attention of E. B. Mitchell & Co., who wanted someone to bring the Atlantic Monthly to an expense-paying basis. Just as the Atlantic Monthly was blossoming under his care, the Harpers induced him to return to New York to edit a great encyclopedia, which he had planned to compile the Britannica. He had hardly settled down to his new work when the Harpers failed and left him high and dry. At that moment McClure & Doubleday dissolved partnership, and Doubleday and Page came together. The result has been in the new publishing house of Doubleday & Page, one of the liveliest propositions in the publishing trade.

The alumni of the college and their guests will assemble at 9:15.

Barton Heights.

Miss Jessie Wilkinson and Miss Fannie Salles have returned to their home in Brookland Park, after a visit to relatives in Prince Edward county.

Miss Jennie Allen, of Petersburg, will be the guest of friends on the Heights this week.

Miss Grace Ward is quite sick at her home on Chamberlain Avenue.

Mrs. Charles McCurdy has returned to Brookland Park, after a visit to friends and relatives in Washington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. G. Jeter, who has been quite sick at her home on Ladies' Mile Road, is improving.

Mr. Willie Coalter, of Newport News, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coalter, of Brookland Park.

Mr. Eugene Ellis is quite sick at his home in Brookland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schiesler and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Summers.

Miss Alice Smith, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rodes, who have been visiting Mr. T. T. Wilkinson, of North Avenue, have returned to Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. C. L. Squires left Sunday for Warrenton, on business trip.

Miss Louise Coffey, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Coffey, of Brookland Park, has returned to Washington.

Miss Goldie Dickens is quite sick at Dumbarton.

Miss Lula Ford, of Brookland Park, is visiting friends in Hanover.

Miss Hallie Held, of Brook Road, has returned from a visit to friends in Caroline county.

Mr. Willie Lawrence is quite sick at

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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At W. S. Barnes' Moulbourne stud Brown Countess, dam of Blue Pennant, by Imp. Wagner out of Sara, the dam of Fannywood, has foaled a brown filly by Prince of Monaco.

At McGrath's, the dam of Huntressa, Saynara, by Prince Charlie, has foaled a bay colt by George Kinney.

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